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Amendments to the Claims

The following claim listing reflects the status of the claims pending in this application.

1. ***(Currently amended)*** A storage container comprising:
 - an enclosure having an open top, a bottom, a first end, and a second end opposite the first end;
 - a first lid pivotally mounted to the first end, the first lid adapted to cover at least some of the open top; and
 - at least one second lid detachably mounted between the first end and the second end, the second lid adapted to cover at least some of the open top; and
 - a third lid pivotally mounted to the second end, the third lid adapted to cover at least some of the open top;
 - wherein the at least one second lid is slidably translatable along the open top of the enclosure between the first lid and the third lid.
2. ***(Cancelled)***
3. ***(Original)*** The storage container as recited in claim 1, wherein the first end comprises a first end panel and wherein the first lid is pivotally mounted to the first end panel.
4. ***(Currently amended)*** The storage container as recited in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the first end comprises a first end panel and the second end comprises a second end panel, and wherein the first lid is pivotally mounted to the first end panel and the third lid is pivotally mounted to the second end panel.

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5. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 1, wherein the first lid is adapted to be pivotally mounted into a horizontal position outside the open top of the enclosure.

6. **(Currently amended)** The storage container as recited in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein at least one of the first lid and the third lid is adapted to be pivotally mounted into a horizontal position outside the open top of the enclosure.

7. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 6, wherein at least one of the first lid and third lid is adapted to be pivotally mounted in a vertical position outside the open top of the enclosure.

8. **(Currently amended)** The storage container as recited in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the first lid, the second lid, and the third lid are adapted to substantially enclose the open top of the enclosure.

9. **(Original)** The storage container as recited in claim 1, further comprising at least one removable sub-container positioned within the enclosure.

10. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one detachably mounted second lid comprises a plurality of detachably mounted second lids.

11-20 **(Cancelled)**

21. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 1, wherein the first lid comprises a though hole, and wherein the first lid is pivotally mounted to the first end by a hinge assembly, the hinge assembly comprising:

at least one hinge block mounted to the first end, the at least one hinge block having a through hole; and

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a circular rod adapted to engage the through hole in the at least one hinge block and engage the through hole in the lid, the circular rod having an axis;

wherein the hinge assembly is adapted to allow rotation of the first lid about the axis of the circular rod.

22. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 21, wherein the hinge assembly is adapted to allow at least about 90 degrees of rotation of the first lid about the circular rod.

23. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 22, wherein the hinge assembly is adapted to allow at least about 180 degrees of rotation of the first lid about the circular rod.

24. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 23, wherein the hinge assembly is adapted to allow at least about 270 degrees of rotation of the first lid about the circular rod.

25. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 1, wherein the storage container further comprises means for supporting the first lid in an open position.

26. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 25, wherein the means for supporting the first lid comprises means for supporting the first lid in a substantially horizontal open position.

27. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 26, wherein the means for supporting the first lid in a substantially horizontal open position comprises at least one compression member.

28. **(Previously presented)** The storage container as recited in claim 27, wherein the at least one compression member comprises at least one of a rod, a stick, and a pole.

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29. (*Previously presented*) The storage container as recited in claim 21, wherein the at least one hinge block comprises at least two hinge blocks.

30. (*Previously presented*) The storage container as recited in claim 21, wherein the first lid comprises at least one notch, and wherein the at least one hinge block is adapted to engage the at least one notch.

31. (*Previously presented*) The storage container as recited in claim 1, wherein the detachably mounted second lid is adapted to slidably mount to the open top of the enclosure.

32. (*Previously presented*) The storage container as recited in claim 1, wherein at least of the first lid and the detachably mounted second lid comprises at least one liquid collector.

33. (*Currently amended*) The storage container as recited in claim 1, wherein the first lid, and the detachably mounted second lid, and the third lid are adapted to substantially enclose the open top of the enclosure.